

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): SMITH et al.

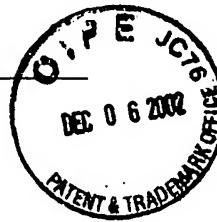
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit 1713

Examiner: R. Rabago

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M# Client Ref

Appln. Title: MELT-PROCESSIBLE, WEAR
RESISTANT POLYETHYLENE

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: December 6, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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| 1. Small Entity claim | For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256) | | | | |
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> NOT made | | | | | |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn | | | | | |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith | | | | | |

| | Claims remaining after amendment | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Large/Small Entity | Additional Fee | Fee Code Lg/Sm |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2. Total Effective Claims | 34 | **minus | 34 | 0 | x \$18/\$9 = | + \$0 103/203 |
| 3. Independent Claims | 3 | ***minus | 3 | 0 | x \$84/\$42 = | + \$0 102/202 |
| 4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) | add | | | + \$280/\$140 = | + \$0 | 104/204 |
| 5. Original due Date: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE | | | | | |
| 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached | (1 mo) | \$110/\$55 = | | | | 115/215 |
| | (2 mos) | \$400/\$200 = | + \$0 | | | 116/216 |
| | (3 mos) | \$920/\$460 = | | | | 117/217 |
| | (4 mos) | \$1,440/\$720= | | | | 118/218 |
| | (5 mos) | \$1,960/\$980= | | | | 128/228 |
| 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract | | - \$0 | | | | |
| 8. | | Extension Fee | + \$0 | | | |
| 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee | | + \$110/\$55 | + \$0 | | | 148/248 |
| 10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), | add | + \$180 | + \$0 | | | 126 |
| or if Rule 97(d) Request | add | + \$180 | + \$0 | | | 126 |
| 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) | | + \$740/370 | + \$0 | | | 146/246 |
| 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... | | x \$740/370 ea | + \$0 | | | 149/249 |
| 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | + \$740/370 | + \$0 | | | 1179/1279 |
| 14. Petition fee for | | + \$0 | | | | |
| 15. | | TOTAL FEE = | \$0 | | | |
| 16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0". | | | | | | |
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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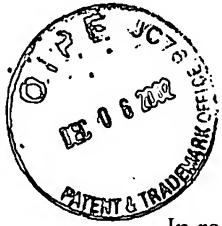
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be apprised in writing of the current status of the above-identified Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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